



BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL G. COLANGELO

Brigadier General Michael G. Colangelo is the Assistant Adjutant General–Air for the Arizona National Guard and also serves as the Commander of the Arizona Air National Guard. He is responsible for the leadership and direction of a KC-135 Tanker Wing, an F-16 Fighter Wing, an MQ-1B Predator Group and an Air Control Squadron. He is responsible for providing operationally trained, equipped and mission-ready forces to support national defense requirements worldwide and emergency responses throughout the state of Arizona.

General Colangelo completed Officer Training School in December 1983, and continued on to Undergraduate Controller Training in January 1984. Prior to receiving his commission, he served as an enlisted member in the United States Air Force from February 1978 to December 1983. He graduated from the Defense Language Institute in May of 1979, and completed two operational assignments as an Arabic linguist with the 6931st Electronic Security Squadron, Iraklion Air Station, Crete and the 6994th Electronic Security Squadron at the National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Maryland.

After commissioning, General Colangelo was assigned as a weapons director with the 963rd Airborne Warning and Control Squadron at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma through July 1988 where he flew over 1,500 hours on board AWACS aircraft as a mission crew member, instructor, and Stan/Eval flight examiner. In July 1988, General Colangelo became a full-time member of the Air National Guard in Connecticut serving as an operations officer and then commander of the 103rd Air Control Squadron. He moved to Arizona to command the 107th Air Control Squadron in June of 1995 and was later assigned as the commander of the Arizona National Guard's Joint Counter Narco-terrorism Task Force in April of 1999. He also served as the Predator Project Director from November 2004 through July 2006 responsible for the stand-up of an Arizona Air National Guard MQ-1B Predator unit at Davis-Monthan AFB. General Colangelo assumed command of the Arizona Air National Guard in July 2008.

EDUCATION:

1979 Defense Language Institute, Arabic
1983 University of the State of New York, Bachelor of Science
1997 Air War College by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. January 1984 – June 1984, Undergraduate Controller Training, 3625th TTS Tyndall AFB, Florida
2. June 1984 – November 1984, AWACS Conversion Course, 552nd TTS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
3. November 1984 – November 1985, Weapons Director, 963rd AWACS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
4. November 1985 – November 1986, Instructor Weapons Director, 963rd AWACS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
5. November 1986 – July 1988, Stan/Eval Flight Examiner, 963rd AWACS, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
6. July 1988 – December 1989, Weapons Director, 103rd ACS, Orange ANG, Connecticut
7. December 1989 – January 1990, Weapons Assignment Officer, 103rd ACS, Orange ANG, Connecticut
8. January 1990 – September 1991, Chief of Stan/Eval, 103rd ACS, Orange ANG, Connecticut
9. September 1991 – July 1993, Detachment Commander, 103rd ACS, Orange ANG, Connecticut
10. July 1993 – June 1995, Squadron Commander, 103rd ACS, Orange ANG, Connecticut
11. June 1995 – April 1999, Squadron Commander, 107th ACS, Papago Park Military Reservation, Phoenix, Arizona
12. April 1999 – July 2008, Counterdrug Coordinator and Task Force Commander, Joint Counter Narco-terrorism Task Force, Papago Park Military Reservation, Phoenix, Arizona
13. November 2004 – July 2006, AZANG Predator Project Director, Papago Park Military Reservation, Phoenix, Arizona
14. July 2008 - present, Assistant Adjutant General – Air, Joint Force Headquarters, Papago Park Military Reservation, Phoenix, Arizona

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Senior Air Battle Manager
Flight hours: More than 1,500 hours
Aircraft: E-3

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Good Conduct Medal
National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 13 December 1983
First Lieutenant 13 December 1985
Captain 13 December 1987
Major 18 December 1991
Lieutenant Colonel 19 December 1995
Colonel 30 March 2000
Brigadier General 30 July 2008

(Current as of Aug 2008)